

The Kentucky Historical Society presents

"The Scots-Irish in Kentucky"

Wednesday, March 22, 2006, 7 p.m.

Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History

100 West Broadway, Frankfort, Kentucky

Free, public invited

Noted author and genealogist Billy Kennedy of Northern Ireland, will speak about this important pioneer group—also known as Ulster-Scots—which began arriving in North America 350 years ago, and how to research its members.

Those with Kentucky Scots-Irish ancestry include Mark Twain, General George Rogers Clark and his brother William Clark (of Lewis and Clark fame), Kit Carson, pioneer leader Benjamin Logan, and Kentucky Governor John Adair.

Billy Kennedy has lectured in America for more than 10 years, along the east coast, in Appalachia and in Texas. He is the author of *The Scots-Irish in the Hills of Tennessee* (1995), *The Scots-Irish in the Shenandoah Valley* (1996), *The Scots-Irish in the Carolinas* (1997), *The Scots-Irish in Pennsylvania and Kentucky* (1998), *Faith and Freedom: The Scots-Irish in America* (1999), *Heroes of the Scots-Irish in America* (2000), *The Making of America: How the Scots-Irish Shaped a Nation* (2001), *Women of the Frontier* (2004), and *Our Most Priceless Heritage: The Lasting Legacy of the Scots-Irish in America* (2005).

Mr. Kennedy will be signing copies of his books afterward in the Center's Museum Shop. For more information, contact Tom Stephens, toll-free at 1-877-564-1792, or via e-mail, Tom.Stephens@ky.gov.